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## EWU staff union may bargain unpaid

By Troy Kirby  
News Editor

If EWU classified staff are going to get a new contract with campus administration, they may have to negotiate during unpaid weekend hours, said Local 931 President Michael Nelson which covers 467 EWU classified staff.

"It's a big problem and we are trying to establish ground rules," Nelson said, Feb. 27, during a

brownbag lunch to discuss the contract ratification process. "Usually, when negotiating, the labor side gets release time to meet with management. But management wants to meet outside of work time, so we offered to meet on the weekends, but it is not the norm."

Nelson said that a new contract must be in place by Oct. 1 in order to be ratified by the state legislature.

"It is a major concern to take the meeting out of normal time, but the

labor side is willing to do that," he said.

The last contract with Local 931 was ratified in 1995, Nelson said.

Having EWU labor use unpaid release time in the negotiation process is not unprecedented, said Tim Welch, director of Public Affairs for the Washington Federation of State Employees. WFSE represents Local 931.

"The big dog is the general government meetings," Welch said. "Lots of folks are going to be following their

lead."

Welch said that WFSE representatives met in SeaTac, presenting four proposals.

"We are going to meet with the general government March 12, but it may come to no ground rules," Welch said. "Negotiations have always been done in the past."

Washington State University is currently working through an attorney in their negotiations with WFSE representatives, Welch said.

"WSU has already had negotiations on ground rules," Welch said.

WSU's administration walked out at their last session Feb. 20.

"The administration said 'We're not going to agree and so there are no ground rules at WSU,'" Welch said.

Welch said that WFSE does not want to poison the waters at EWU.

"Getting unpaid release time may be an issue," Welch said. "Our EWU has nine employees on its table, and

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Carl Mack meets with attendees after his presentation in Showalter Hall on Feb. 27.

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## NAACP Mack exudes passion

By Paul Dillon  
Reporter

"I came to give you a social conscience," said Carl Mack, the president of the Seattle NAACP. Mack spoke Feb. 27 in EWU's Showalter Auditorium.

Technical difficulties with PowerPoint led Mack to rely upon his own resources as he discussed his culturally misguided Southern upbringing, his degree in Engineering at University of Mississippi and the functions of the NAACP.

He stressed the importance of history as a path to find out who we are and cited it as a main reason for his involvement in the 95-year-old organization.

The charismatic leader acknowledged that he has shaken things up, like calling for the resignation of State Sen. Alex Deccio after he let some racial slurs slip in an argument, much to the chagrin of others.

Mack displayed diverse emotions throughout his speech. Speaking of his brothers and sisters, Mack said "Women validate us ... the most important piece of chess is the queen."

Mack later said, "I don't give a f\*ck what Dori Monson or Dave Ross says

about me."

In his original, youthful style, Mack discussed a wide variety of issues, but there were four key points.

"They gave us the coldest and shortest month of the year."

Mack joked around referring to the origins of Black History Month and the age old myth that whites are to blame for this ironic offering from the government. The truth is that Carter G. Woodson, the famous black scholar, chose the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. This was at first known as Black History Week, but then after the bi-centennial the duration was expanded.

Mack then went on in depth about the realities of reparations. The equation " $F=P(1+i)^2$ " represents the amount the government owes with P as people and i as interest. The total almost reaches 2 trillion.

"I will not let anybody compromise my racial dignity."

The question of the Confederate flag being allowed to fly was posed by Mack. He demonstrated how this should not under any circumstances be a fathomable possibility.

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## EWU police look for leads in campus bomb threat

By Seth Swift  
Senior Reporter

"Somebody knows something," said EWU Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety Tom McGill of the bomb threat that occurred Feb. 6.

However, not many people are talking.

Despite the offering of complete anonymity and a \$500 reward, the EWU police department is not aware of any responses to Secret Witness, an organization run by citizens with no affiliation with law enforcement agencies.

Even so, the investigation into the person or people involved in the bomb threat contin-

ues to move ahead.

"We've interviewed about six people, and we are continuing to follow up on the physical evidence that we have. We've submitted the notes and other materials to the FBI for processing, and [now] we're waiting on a profile of the letter writer from the [FBI]. Hopefully it can provide more information on the person who left the notes," said McGill.

McGill intimated that the six people interviewed will likely be interviewed again.

According to Dr. Stephen Jordan, EWU's President, the university did not receive a black eye with the recent bomb threats.

"I don't think it hurt us at all from a public

relations perspective. I don't think it did any long-term damage and, certainly, as we're looking at our freshmen applications and acceptances, we see no residual effects," he said.

"Truthfully," said Jordan, "I think that people tend to look more at specific violent events like rapes and physical attacks that get reported in the paper as damaging the image of the institution more than what turns out to have been a hoax. Then it's more speculation by people of, 'Well, who did it and why?'"

The response, however, was lacking in a few areas, according to Jordan. "One [problem was] that we did not have a list of identifiable

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# News

## POLICE BEAT

By Helda Swift  
EWU CRIME REPORTER

**2-26-04** Suspect from Seattle was arrested at Dressler Hall. The subject had three warrants for arrest out of Seattle for weapons violation, harassment and forgery. The subject was also cited for possession of marijuana and was transferred to Spokane County jail. Also, a Dressler Hall resident was arrested for Obstruction of an officer and an MIP.

**2-26-04** Medical call to Robert Reid Elementary School. Someone called in to report that there was a person down on the lawn. Rescue 5 responded. Subject turned out to have low blood sugar.

**2-26-04** Theft of a motor vehicle reported at Dryden Hall. The individual called in to report their vehicle stolen. The case was handed over to the Cheney Police Department because the vehicle was taken while parked on Ninth and Cedar.

**2-26-04** Suspicious circumstances at PHASE 2 activities. EWU police were called to respond to an incident on a basketball court because a player was asked to leave. The player had gotten into an argument over an intramural basketball game. No report was made by the complainant, they just wanted the incident documented pending contact with subject in the matter.

**2-27-04** Report of domestic violence on Seventh floor of Morrison Hall. EWU police responded and found situation to be a verbal argument. Incident report taken.

**2-28-04** Three males were contacted in the upper parking Lot 13 by Morrison Hall. The individuals were asked to leave the area.

**2-28-04** EWU police issued an MIP on Eleventh. They observed a female walking on Eleventh Street that appeared extremely intoxicated.

**2-28-04** Report of malicious mischief in Lot 5. Owner of a vehicle witnessed males leaving a party throw a beer bottle in the area of his vehicle. The bottle did not hit vehicle, and there was no damage. Owner just wanted police to know.



DUSTIN SNIES/EASTERNER

*The Rockwood Clinic's Crystal Johnson helps an EWU student sort out the confusion over what consists of a proper meal. Johnson guided a tour around campus, aimed at helping young people form a balanced diet.*

## Dietitian provides healthy choices

By Katie Mageau  
REPORTER

Crystal Johnson, a registered dietitian, works at the Rockwood Clinic, and often sees patients with questions about nutrition.

So many of these patients ask her how to eat healthy on campus that she decided to schedule appointments with students to teach them how to eat healthily.

Johnson met with students in small groups and handed them packets that taught them how to read labels, count calories and eat a balanced diet. Contrary to popular belief, people should not consume 2000 calories each day, but rather the number equal to your weight with a zero on the end. Sixty per-

cent of these calories should come from carbohydrates, 10-15 percent from protein and 25 percent from fats.

It is important to eat protein in the morning because it will keep you full for six hours, while carbohydrates only keep you full for two to three hours. This prevents you from getting hungry again only a few hours after breakfast.

Many people eat much more food than they need to because they eat quickly. It takes your brain 20 minutes to receive the message from your stomach that you are full.

Therefore, if you finish eating in five minutes, you will not know that you are full yet, and you will reach for another helping when it

is not needed. Drinking a lot of fluids during your meal can slow the message down, too, so you should refrain from liquids with your meal.

One might argue that they like the idea of filling up on liquids instead of food because it is healthier, but they are incorrect.

Solid food is almost always more nutritious. An apple juice, for example, has 220 calories, while one apple only has 60. The apple also has more fiber in it and therefore takes longer to digest and keeps you full longer.

So the next time you're wondering what to choose for lunch, make sure that it includes carbohydrates, proteins and fats, and read the labels first.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Funds axed for five EWU clubs

By Janica Lockhart  
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

Five clubs and organizations, and possibly 19 more, could lose their funding from the ASEWU next year.

Clubs and organizations representatives have to attend three of the six to eight meetings offered in a year, and if they do not, funding could be cut off.

Currently, five clubs failed to make it to any meetings and will officially lose their funding for next year according to the student constitution, said Christopher Schwartzenburger, council position for Student Activities and Diversity.

Nineteen more clubs have only attended one meeting for the year and must attend the next two spring quarter to keep their funding, he said.

"Five have already lost the opportunity" to obtain funding for next year, said Schwartzenburger.

Schwartzenburger has to call appeal to student Superior Court so the club can make a plea to maintain the position of being a club on campus, he said.

Every single club receives a different amount of funding based on the amount of money that is available to allocate.

This is dependant on enrollment because the money comes out of student's tuition with the service and activity fee, said Katie Moffitt, Finance Vice President on ASEWU.

"Some clubs only request \$200, some request much more," she said.

When a club is cut off financially they also lose the ability to reserve a room on campus and hang posters about the club on campus, Schwartzenburger said.

The clubs and organizational meetings allow representatives of clubs to learn about leadership and have an open forum on how to make their club better, he said.

Schwartzenburger said that ASEWU is currently sending out reminder letters to the 19 clubs that have to attend the next two meetings.

### Corrections for Feb. 26 edition

▲ Drew Reider was incorrectly identified as the Director of Alumni Relations at EWU. Reider is actually the assistant director of Alumni Relations.

▲ The men's basketball story on the Front Page of the Easterner had an incorrect byline which identified the story as "By Troy Kirby." It was actually written by Kristen Johnson.

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# Kids hooked by the tales from Seuss' beloved books

By Danielle Verhulp  
REPORTER

As much a part of children's folklore as the tales of Mother Goose, are the wacky rhyming stories of the beloved Dr. Seuss.

On Saturday, Feb. 28, the much-loved storybook writer, Dr. Seuss, celebrated his 100th birthday.

Although the man himself has passed on, adults and children alike remain eager to reminisce about this rhyming-master and his stories.

The Eagle Outpost in Brewster Hall was

the site of one such celebration in his honor. As part of a monthly children's book reading, the EWU Bookstore held a birthday party for Dr. Seuss.

Nearly 30 little ones attended the event, accompanied by moms, dads and grandparents.

The book reading began with the children singing "Happy Birthday" to Dr. Seuss.

After that, Eagle Outpost worker Tanya Jenkins read the Seuss classic "Yertle the Turtle" to highly-attentive boys and girls.

From there, the children enjoyed additional stories, arts and crafts. EWU Bookstore General

Book Buyer Lowell Simonsen assisted the kids in decorating walnut shell turtles with paint, markers and glitter.

Then, to complete the atmosphere of the birthday party, bookstore workers passed out cupcakes and punch to the youngsters.

Mother of two, Freida Cook, gingerly held a freshly-decorated walnut shell turtle as she waited for her children.

Cook explained that her children have been attending these book readings for several years now at its prior location in the JFK Library, and it has become something that they look forward

to every month. In fact, her Christmas tree is adorned each year with crafts her children have made at these events.

EWU staff member Shauna Harshman also brought her two-year-old daughter to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Both mother and daughter were thrilled with the activities that took place at the book reading. Harshman said, "I think that it is wonderful that a branch of the university provides activities for non-traditional students and their families."

A children's book reading is held at Brewster Hall on the fourth Saturday of every month.

Each month's reading has a specific storybook-related theme and is always free to the general public.

## Bomb Threat: Police looking over clues

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essential personnel. When we sent out the notice that said only essential personnel should report to campus, people didn't know who they were."

As well, Jordan commented that EWU must be better coordinated with the City of Cheney's public administrations. "They're an important part of the response team and we've got some issues that we need to deal with with them because they're right here."

In both cases, Jordan says that steps are being taken in order to ensure that if a similar situation were to occur again they would not be an issue.

While people have concerns about how the evacuation was executed and the ways in which it was accomplished, "I think that people understand the kind of times we're living in and applaud our response," Jordan said.

So far as the overall financial costs of the bomb threat to the university are concerned, no concrete figure has yet to be reported by the Business and Finance Office. One can expect, however, that the figures will be extremely high, making much more of an impact to the university's pocketbook in comparison to its public standing.

According to Roxann Dempsey, Assistant to the Vice President of the Business and Finance Department, the figures are currently being compiled and crunched.

Mrs. Ruthie Jordan, Dr. Jordan's spouse, is the one that found the bomb threat, which was sitting at the foot of their front door with a rock holding it in place. Her first reaction was to inform Dr. Jordan, whose immediate reaction, he said, "was to get on the phone and call the police. You want to call the experts, bring the experts in."

The doorbell to their residence rang at 2 a.m., but because of the position of the note and how the president's residence front porch is set up, the Jordans didn't at first notice the piece of paper the bomb threat was written on. The police told them to evacuate the house immediately and were on the scene shortly thereafter, at which time the police department began searching the whole campus.

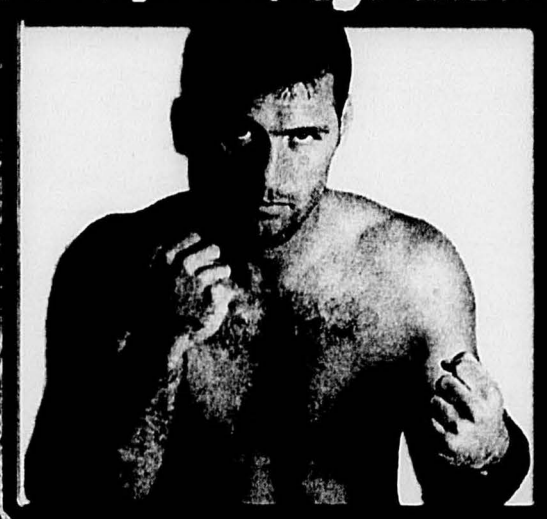
According to McGill, there were easily over 20 people involved in the search for a device on campus from four different agencies. Among these were nine people from the EWU PD and six sheriff's deputies. The university does not keep a record of the numbers involved.

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The JFK Library security cameras recorded an individual allegedly stealing library materials Feb. 18. The suspect was later apprehended by EWU campus police.

## JFK Library camera catches suspect fleeing scene

By Seth Swift  
REPORTER

An individual who apparently tried to bypass the JFK Library's security, which is intended to keep the books where they belong, was only partially successful on Feb. 18.

He was able to make his escape seemingly with property belonging to the library, but the library is not without its resources, according to EWU Campus Police Lieutenant Dan Christiansen.

When the alleged thief tried to bypass one set of sensors another set of sensors was automatically activated and proved to be his downfall.

The suspect made it past the book sensors in the rear of JFK Library by slinging his book bag over them. However, in addition to other means by which he was caught, which Lieutenant Christiansen declined to comment upon, he was also caught on a security camera that is located directly outside the entrance, which caught a good profile

of the man's face.

The alleged thief was apprehended Saturday, Feb. 21 by EWU police Sgt. Lorraine Hill. The library staff recognized him from the above slide show and called the police, according to Po-

lice Chief Tom McGill. He has been charged with theft for possessing property belonging to the JFK Library and for possession of drug paraphernalia.

For those that have any information on the occurrence or the suspect,

please contact Campus Police Officer Todd Saunders at 359-6507. The security video footage, for those who are interested, is located at [www.ewu.edu/new/adminservice/CampusSafety.html](http://www.ewu.edu/new/adminservice/CampusSafety.html) in the Police Blotter.

## Hoops fans make own throwback EWSC jerseys

By Leena Haija  
REPORTER

Two EWU students are helping bring one of the year's hottest trends to campus with throwback jerseys which are now all the rage among young movie and music stars.

Seth Dryden and Rick Scott, students at EWU, have incorporated the year's trend with school spirit by creating the EWU basketball throwback jersey.

"Throwbacks are really popular, and no one was selling Eastern throwbacks, so we made our own," said Dryden.

In 1973, students voted to change the Eastern mascot from a Savage to an Eagle. The change was due to political issues and stereotypes that go along with the image of the previous logo.

After much research Dryden and

Scott found that there was no official Eastern Savage logo.

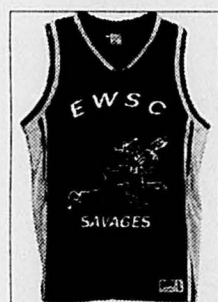
"I went down to the archives in the library, I was looking for an Eastern Savage logo but they didn't really have an official one, I guess each year they would draw or find a new logo. So I took a picture of the savage found on the bricks near the PHASE; Then I transferred the picture to PhotoShop and added the letters EWSC," said Dryden. "Then I took what I created to a silk screening shop in Spokane and made some jerseys for my friends and I."

Dryden and Scott never really intended on selling their jerseys, but if students are interested in purchasing a jersey they can go to the website at [www.cheneyplayaz.com](http://www.cheneyplayaz.com) or email Dryden at [izzelsizzel@eltech.net](mailto:izzelsizzel@eltech.net).

"The website started as a joke, but now we use it to post what we want," said Dryden.

Students are able to view the jersey and its price on the website.

"Tradition and history are an important part in building a community, the fact that they are digging in the past is kind of a neat deal," said Scott Barnes, EWU Athletic Director.



EWSC jersey made by students.

## Classified: Employees may have to bargain for free

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if push comes to shove, we may meet on weekends to get things done in a timely manner."

Welch said that campus administration had met with the Local 931 for one day, Feb. 18, to negotiate

ground rules for the contract.

"We understand that the administration has costs," Welch said. "But negotiations have always been done on work time."

Throughout the state, the effects of unpaid release time during negotiations have caused WSFE negotia-

tions to change the labor-management relationship, Welch said.

"It has been seen as an attempt by administration to make the members unequal," Welch said. "Their side gets thousands of dollars and would be going against 40 years of tradition."

## NEWS BRIEFS

Donations are being sought for EWU Friends of the Library Books & Recordings sale, April 23.

The sale itself takes place in the JFK Library, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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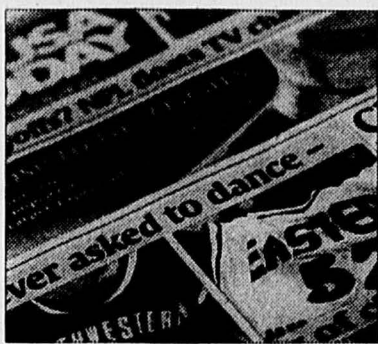


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EWU's men's basketball was profiled in USA Today Feb. 27.

## Eagle hoops gets on USA Today front cover

By Troy Kirby  
NEWS/SPORTS EDITOR

Ray Giacoletti has not only changed the on-court success of the EWU men's basketball team, but also its national image.

Giacoletti's Eagles were on the front cover of USA Today's Feb. 27 edition which was showcasing college teams who had never been to the

NCAA 64-Tournament, but had a very good chance of making it.

"It is a real credit to the last five years these kids have gone through in the program," Giacoletti said. "We've made small steps going where we've gone and it's been fun to be part of new territory. Last year, we went to our first postseason game ever, and winning the Big Sky Championship outright is part of our chance at a break-

through."

Jim Strom, EWU's assistant athletic director for Development, issued out several copies of the USA Today edition around campus.

"It's the best time to be an Eagle," Strom said. "Our athletics is something that Spokane can be proud of."

EWU Assistant Athletic Director Michael Allen said that there is a huge difference between the Cheney cam-

pus now and in 1985, when he attended school at the university.

"We have a 20 win team in an independent league and didn't show up anywhere on the national press," Allen said. "There has been a transition and we have been knocking on the door for recognition over the last four years. Friday, the phone was ringing non-stop in the morning from alumni, saying we were on the cover of USA Today."

## Pepsi agreement makes it sole provider to campus

By Kristen Johnson  
REPORTER

Have you ever found yourself hankering for an ice cold glass of Mr. Pibb? Your craving leads you into the PUB where you wreak havoc on the soda machines hoping to quench your severe thirst, only to find that there is no Pibb to be found.

If you have ever undergone this devastating experience, you must have been on the campus of EWU.

EWU only serves Pepsi products. Except for the small area of the Eagle Shop beverage section which is

devoted to competitor's beverage products. This clause, written in by the campus' Dining Services, ensures the customers' right to choice.

Many other schools overlooked this gray area and are therefore drinking Pepsi products religiously.

In 2001, the University went out to bid for a sole beverage provider.

Due to a number of reasons which included price, commitment, product quality, promotions and advertising, Pepsi was awarded the ten-year contract with EWU.

Pepsi sees this as a partnership and prefers to have at least a ten-year

commitment when providing for long term costs such as scoreboards said Dave McKay, head of Dining Services.

As the sole beverage provider for the university, Pepsi pledges to provide a quality product, financial support, athletic and field signage and a minimum of 90 on-campus vending machines.

Pepsi also gives back to the school half of the revenue from the vending machines in the PUB. This money is then used to finance whatever the students elect to spend it on. In return, Pepsi receives advertisement and

a substantial vending contract.

In regards to the small percentage of space dedicated to competitors, these products are sold based on student suggestion and on sales.

"If a product is not selling what we think it should be, we will introduce another product and see how well that one sells," said McKay.

During 2002-2003, EWU sold over 54,000 packaged Pepsi beverages and over 36,530 dispenser Pepsi beverages.

"We get very few complaints that we don't offer Coke," said McKay.

### ASEWU SUPERIOR COURT

At the Superior Court meeting March 2. The justices examined committee reports; Council went over the elections; SUBOC is talking about buying plexi-glass holders for signs in the PUB; and the Finance Committee is making cuts.

Deliberations were held about Craig Schuller, holding Financial Vice President. The decision was made that Schuller must resign at the end of winter quarter due to the old constitution which they are still under until the Board of Trustees approves the new one by Law 109 Section 7.

Under the old constitution, a person is unable hold two positions.

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# Opinion

## Divorce court with Ken and Barbie

It was all going so smoothly for so many years. She gave me what little time that she could, what with having so many careers, friends, abodes to live in and cars to drive. She had rooms full of color-coded accessories, and would sometimes fly into a screaming rage when the color-code was broken or Malibu Stacey borrowed something without asking. But that's beside the point.

### Ken speaks

By Seth Swift  
SENIOR REPORTER

Sure, it could be lonely at times, but as a trophy husband there was only so much I could do. Shoot, I even changed my last name to hers, instead of the other way around. Besides, I found ways to keep myself busy.

The way in which I amused myself is ultimately the reason why she broke it off with me.

It all started in the mid 70s with our cabana boy at the time, Rocky Ropoeco. He kept me company in those late nights when she would be out at all the socials and he made me feel like I was needed, unlike her.

It wasn't until the late 90s, though, that she actually had hard evidence to back up her suspicions. She caught me once with Rocky Ropoeco and he was fired on the spot. She wanted to work things out, as did I, and I tried my best to turn over a new leaf. As everyone knows, in order to turn a new leaf

first must come the fall, then a barren winter, then the ultimate rebirth in spring.

I never did turn that leaf though.

Instead, as we went through the new millennia, we also went through a successive number of cabana boys, all who shared the same tastes as I. It soon, she said after catching me for the umpteenth time, was becoming unbearable for her and could ruin her career. I couldn't help myself though, I couldn't change who I was.

She finally had to break it off with me when my tastes became public because of this big expose in the National Enquirer's "Out of the Closet!" special edition.

I really am sorry about all the pain that I caused her, but I'm sure that Barbie will move on, maybe with Ashton Kutcher.

Besides, Rocky Ropoeco and I can finally live happily ever after, just as soon as we haul ourselves to San Francisco and get married.

Everything will work out just fine.

Well after what seems like an eternity, 43 years to be exact, I finally had to break it off with Ken. I had devoted my life to supporting him in the best possible lifestyle. I mean I own countless residences,

a plane, yacht and a fleet of cars, all of which were always at Ken's disposal. This did not make him happy however, and neither did I.

I should

have suspected that he would never be able to satisfy me when we first got together. I mean his underwear never came off, they were molded on. I have needs too, and he would not acknowledge them, or satisfy them. It was time to find someone who would treat me like the woman that I am.

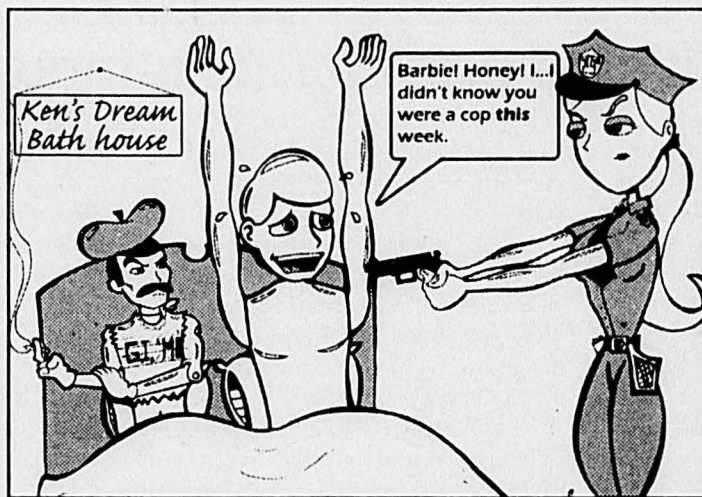
There were rumors that Ken had sexual problems, you know that he was remote, or unavailable, but I always be-

lieved that love could conquer all. Well, that is not the case and frankly I want a man who knows who he is, and what he wants from life.

I could never get Ken to discuss the issues of the day with me while I was home between jobs. All he wanted to do was hang out poolside. I needed a man of substance. One who was not intimidated by the fact that I make tons more money than he ever will. Not to mention that all the assets are mine, and I will not pay him any form of alimony. He should have to compensate me for the years of neglect.

Ken also had an affliction; he never changed his hair. I have an image to maintain, and I have to constantly reinvent myself to keep pace with the changing fashion trends. Ken would not change his look, not even for me. I have a wardrobe that requires its own storage facility, and then there are the accessories. I mean, I have to look good.

So, now I have found someone to share my life with, a man who satisfies me on every level. He is an Aussie, and boy is he hot, in the best Aussie traditions of Russell Crowe and Hugh Jackman. The accent does not hurt either.



STEVEN WILBUR

### Barbie's side

By Amanda Smizaski  
STAFF WRITER

## Passion for Christ extends beyond film

By Pauline Bessire  
STAFF WRITER

I went to see "The Passion of the Christ" this week, keeping in mind the concerns that "The Passion of the Christ" film might be anti-Semitic.

The movie based on the New Testament gospel accounts of Christ's last 12 hours was accurate to the scriptures which kept it simple. I was a bit worried that my reading speed wouldn't be up to par for the subtitles, as the movie is done in Aramaic (and, from what I hear, a bit of Latin).

I was surprised and relieved with the simplicity of the script. For the most part, only words specifically found in the scriptures were translated. In several scenes, there were no words. Viewers relied on watching humans display raw emotion, enough that anyone could interpret what was being said. The characters in the movie conveyed their emotions well, painting vivid pictures of human feelings of pain, grief, hatred and love.

Love was a significant part of this film. Not only was love shown by the character of Christ, as any viewer would expect, love was shown by many other characters in

the movie. This was the aspect of "The Passion" I found to be most stunning in light of the concerns that the film may be anti-Semitic. The individuals who most strongly showed their love for Christ in the movie were Jewish. The man who helped Jesus carry his cross was a Jew. He defended Christ fearlessly in the face of these merciless soldiers. "LEAVE HIM ALONE! LEAVE HIM ALONE!" he

screamed. He offered what he could to encourage Christ, saying as they carried the cross, "Almost there. Almost done."

In the film, Mary Magdalene, a Jewish woman who was once a prostitute, sopped up Jesus' blood from the stone floor where soldiers had beat him. She grieved for Christ, remembering the day Jesus saved her from the Pharisees who wished to stone her for her sin. Her love for

Christ was easy for me to see; a Jewish girl came to Jesus with a towel to wipe the blood and dirt from his face, and a cup of water to drink as he carried his cross. After he wiped his face, she embraced the towel boldly revealing her love for him.

Seeing this film, I have to say that the accusation that this movie lays blame on the Jews for the death of Jesus is not a legitimate claim.

We are more than a world of races. We are a world of individuals. We each have choices to make. We love the things we love; hate the things

we hate. It has little to do with our race.

The crowd in the movie was made up of individuals who each made the choice to either love Christ or despise him.

Some chose hate. Others chose love.

To me, that's what this film was about - not to blame any race for Christ's death but to show the sacrifice of this man, and reveal how each human has the choice to embrace it or not. And let us not forget that Jesus was first and foremost a Jewish man.

## The remaking of the Bill of Rights to exclude those who are different

It's been a busy past couple of weeks. President Bush came out in support of a Constitutional amendment banning gay marriages while Secretary of State Colin Powell promised his support for the opposition group in Haiti that recently ousted President Aristide.

This is yet another example of the hypocrisy of this administration. Bush preaches morality out of one corner of his mouth and supports an opposition force that's funded by drug money out of the other. Remember this is the same president who told us we need to invade Iraq because they're harboring massive weapons caches.

What I find really irritating

about the president's administration constantly flip-flopping on critical issues is that you can't nail them down. You tell them about something you care about, they give it some lip service then do the exact opposite.

Bush has set off the public's bull shit detector with his oily war and jobless recovery.

In order to win the election, Bush has to prove that he's a man of integrity. I may never agree with him, but I sure respect a guy who's

at least consistent and not simply trying to reflect public opinion on every issue.

How does a guy like the president go about doing that you ask? Easy, simply amend the Constitution to include a "Bill of Restrictions."

This act would send a clear message to the American people that Bush is serious and steadfast in his beliefs.

Here's what Bush's legacy may look like:

We don't have the right to be paid overtime. We don't have the right to buy cheaper prescription drugs from Canada. We don't have the right to an abortion (even if the pregnancy is the result of rape or

incest). We have the right to be inundated with religious zealotry (if you're poor and need shelter, you visit a courthouse, or if you attend public school). We have the freedom of speech, unless of course you're speaking out against American military operations in the mid-east. We have the right to vote for the candidate of your choice (unless the Supreme Court disagrees), we have the freedom of information to access public records upon request (unless you're trying to find out the military record of Bush's Guard duty in Alabama). We have equal protection under the law, unless you're gay; then you will be relegated to second class citizen status.

### Opinion



By Dave Imus  
STAFF WRITER



# Democrats' hypocrisy runs rampant

The four remaining contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination (Kerry, Edwards, Sharpton and Kucinich) squared off again at a debate held in New York on Sunday.

Although entertaining (Sharpton's displeasure with moderator Dan Rather and Edwards' aggressiveness toward Kerry), their debate was, again, overflowing with hypocrisy.

I am specifically speaking of the candidates' stance on Bush's

handling of the conflict in Haiti.

Bush ordered American Marines to be sent to stabilize the country after Haitian President Aristide officially resigned and fled the country Sunday morning following weeks of uprising.

Frontrunner John Kerry said "He's late, as usual. I never would have allowed it to get out of control the way it did," Edwards added to that sentiment saying the president has "ignored Haiti."

This is absolutely unbeliev-

able. First, they criticize Bush for "rushing in" to take Saddam Hussein out of power after more than a decade of deception, broken United Nations resolutions and hundreds of thousands lying in mass graves.

How they conclude that to be rushing in is a mystery to me.

Now they accuse the president of being "late" in his handling of the conflict in Haiti. Are they serious? Do they think we can't see the hypocrisy that flows from their mouths?

It seems as if the strategy of the Democratic challengers is to simply say the opposite of anything that Bush says. Of course, this strategy has been employed by the Democrats since the presi-

dent took office.

But, now the level of inconsistency displayed by the Democratic Party and their candidates has reached a level of absolute absurdity.

It does not matter what Bush does, the Democrats will merely take the opposite stance and pronounce that their position is the right one.

If Bush would have acted earlier they would have said that he was acting hastily, unilaterally and without justification.

They now charge Bush with being "indifferent" towards the Haitian conflict, because he waited to see if the situation could be resolved without involving American troops.

Bush did not act with "indifference," he acted with caution.

A president should not develop policy on the basis of doing the exact opposite of what someone else does. Yet this is exactly what the current batch of Democratic contenders are doing.

It's not even as if they are voicing their solutions to conflicts such as Iraq and Haiti, they merely have a knee-jerk negative reaction to anything that the current administration does and offer no remedy of their own.

Why? Because that would require original thought, and original thought is hard to formulate when all one says or does is the opposite of what someone else says or does.

## The reigning of the Flex account fascists

As a campus resident I have observed one huge kink in the Eagle Card system pertaining to the infamous Flex account. Being ignorant of the prices of food, both in the cafeterias and the over-priced Eagle Shop, I signed up for the standard meal plan. Apparently I made a mistake.

Under the influence of my extreme reluctance to pay the quarterly \$40 fee involved in the transfer of money to a Flex account, I did what every complacent American does when they don't like to face the painful reality that is bureaucracy; I pretended there was no problem.

Needless to say I had copious amounts of money on my Eagle Card at the beginning of winter quarter. When I dined with friends they inevitably expressed concern for the amount remaining on my account.

They asked what I planned on doing with all my money before it was added onto the next quarter's account or worse still, what I would do when my money was confiscated at the end of the school year.

That's when the red flag reminder gremlin popped into my consciousness. "What are you going to do with all that left over money between winter and spring quarter despite establishing a flex account?" the grem-

lin whispered.

I had no ready response. I finally capitulated and went to Tawanka to set up the blasted account. While there I asked the nice lady behind the counter why they charge \$40 for transferring my own money.

Her response inspired confusion and disappointment in me. She told me that the fee compensated the Dining Services for the break in contract that I was committing. This led me to a perplexing dead end.

Why should students be fined for taking advantage of this supposed great deal?

I, the student, was going to get screwed any way I handled the catastrophe. If I didn't transfer money every quarter, the school absorbs whatever funds are left on the card at the end of the school year.

If I did transfer I lose \$120 per year for using a Flex account. But the real kick in the pants would

occur if I were to eat all the food my money could buy; I would end up a victim of the Freshman 15 as a junior. (And people wonder why students leave for summer vacation heftier than they've been in their lives).

Because of the weight, I would have to spend more money to buy a new closet of poorly designed middle America mainstream clothing (and I encounter enough problems shopping with just long legs, I don't need more complications).

My contention is this: if I choose to have a large meal plan because I'm not sure how much I will be driven to eat by the forces of stress and college life in general, and then I discover my appetite is not as insatiable as I had originally thought, I should be able to take the left over money and put it toward next year's meal plan, tuition fees or textbook costs. The money left over is not a bonus for the office drones that follow orders for a job

well done. It's my money, and I want it back.

If I do chose to utilize the Flex card service (which as of Thursday the 19th, I do), I still lose my hard earned money that could go toward a bus ticket home each quarter which would make me a much happier person.

Initiating the Flex account cost me an entire round trip bus ticket to Seattle. That is ridiculous.

If the school is trying to keep its student population satisfied it should not hassle them with needless fees and outrageous non-cooperation. As it is I'm paying enough to this university without daylight robbery.

If the Dining Services is so concerned about the funds received, maybe a consideration to the restructure of the budget would be in order.

At the very least send me a thank you card for donating my money to the university.

### Opinion



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## Promiscuity helps develop one's leadership skills

Ethan Hawke is not the first person one thinks of in terms of great leadership or adultery.

Granted he is not the first celebrity to cheat (we all remember Kobe Bryant), but he is the first to have the courage to elude to that fact that male adultery helps their leadership skills. That is just what the arrogant former "Reality Bites" star Ethan Hawke recently stated about his infidelity while he was still married to actress Uma Thurman. The couple is now in the midst of a divorce.

The B-list actor, who will soon be climbing down the list, stated that, "Martin Luther King, Jr. suffered from infidelity, so did JFK.

You're more likely to find great leadership coming from a man who likes to have sex with a lot of women than from one who is monogamous."

### Opinion



By Rae-Lynn  
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STAFF WRITER

Yes, I'm sure that is the reason; he hit the nail on the head. John F. Kennedy was "great" due to his sexual exploits with women including Marilyn Monroe. That is why we almost had World War III during his presidency with the Bay of Pigs fiasco and entered the never ending and devastating Vietnam War (in my opinion).

Perhaps Jackie O. knew this and that is why she stayed with him for all those years. Continuing, I'm not going to touch Dr. King because there is nothing really nasty to say about the greatest Civil Rights

leader, but rather let us talk about Hawke himself. Doesn't everyone remember him in his recent film ... that one?

Not coming to you? Don't worry it will not come to you because there isn't one. Maybe I am being too hard, but what a laughable and pathetic attempt to justify one's behavior.

I'm sure there are cheaper Bryant rings or better defenses in divorce court; he could have used instead of making a fragile excuse that includes the best civil rights leader in history and a former president, although I never cared much for Kennedy. [But that is beside the point.] Perhaps this was yet another common publicity ploy, but hopefully not because it has only succeeded made him look foolish.

And please just let the defense attorney do the talking.



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## Big Sky Conference Tournament Guide

### RAGIN' AT REESE

By Troy Kirby  
SPORTS EDITOR

If there is one thing you can say about the EWU men's basketball team this year, it is the hunger that remains.

Sure, they have ventured into new territory, hosting the Big Sky Conference Tournament for the first time in their history.

The team has also clinched their mid-major division two weeks before the end of the season.

And, guided by four seniors, the Eagles look ready to pounce after running up 11-straight wins before two tight losses to end the season.

EWU Assistant Athletic Director Michael Allen said the tournament preparation has been hectic, but fun.

"First off, the good thing has been that we clinched two weeks ahead of time," Allen said. "Kent Stanley and Scott Barnes had done a great job getting sponsors, with ASEWU and Dining Services buying

student tickets to offer them back to the students at a discount. Overall, the staff and university have come together."

What impressed Allen the most about the Eagles men's basketball team was the recruiting job performed by men's head coach Ray Giacoletti.

"Ray has not only recruited quality athletes but also quality people," Allen said.

Over 50 media credentials have been requested for the two-day tournament, including 30 credentials by ESPN who will broadcast the Big Sky Championship Game March 10. Giacoletti said that the Eagles aren't changing a thing.

"We are preparing just as we would in any home series," Giacoletti said. "With so many days off, we're having film days, lift days and we'll get back in our routine by the end of the week."

Optimistic about his team's chances in the tournament, Giacoletti said that the Eagles may have won the regular season championship in a way that he prefers.

"If I had my druthers, I would do it as

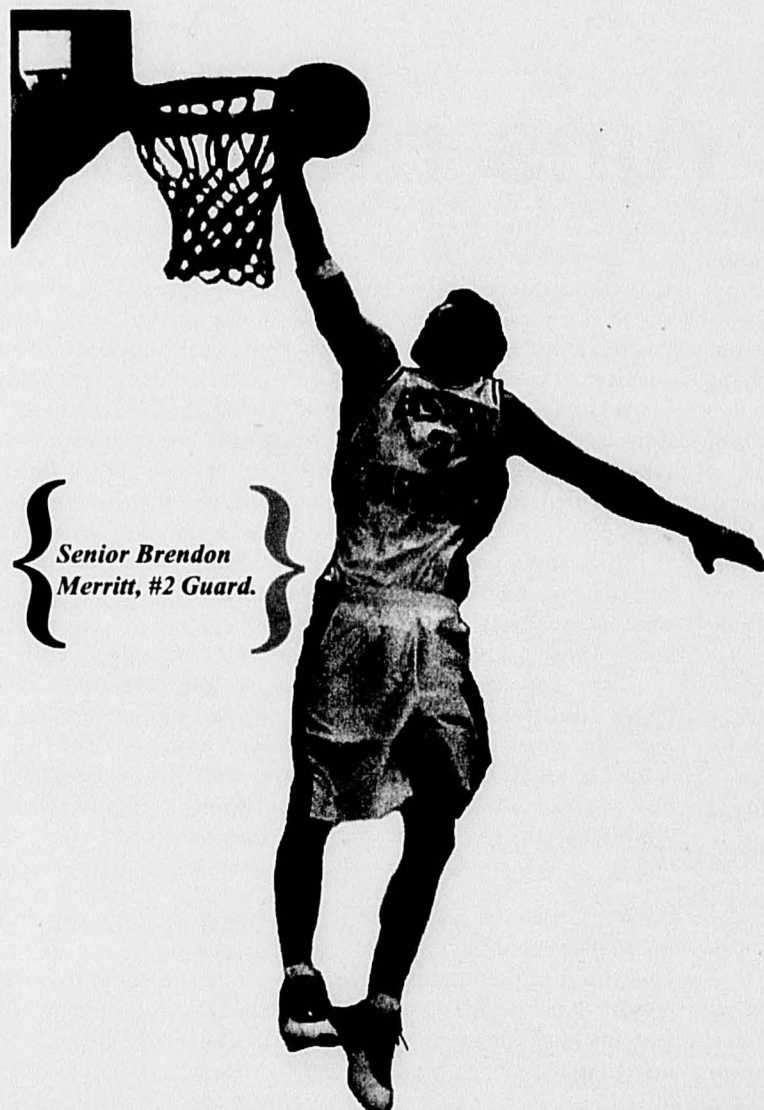
we did it," Giacoletti said. "Winning the regular season championship shows two months of consistency. We focused on finishing strong, dealing with it all and going out knowing what you have to do."

Feeling that the past seasons have been stepping-stones for the Eagles, Giacoletti said EWU is ready for the challenge of getting to the NCAA tournament.

"We've been to the championship game three years in a row," he said. "The seniors have sacrificed for each other in lots of ways to win 11 in a row. They have an understanding about what is for the betterment of the team, and we are going to try to break through that barrier together."

Giacoletti, recruited four years ago to take over the men's basketball program, said the decision to move to a Division I school was a no-brainer.

"There are only 320 Div-I jobs at different levels," Giacoletti said. "I was a Division II head coach and there are only so many opportunities at Division I."



Senior Brendon Merritt, #2 Guard.

**Idaho State (3)**



Saturday, March 6,  
In Pocatello, Idaho.

**Montana (6)**



**N. Arizona (2)**



Tuesday, March 9,  
At Reese Court, 6:05 p.m.

**Highest seed**

**Finalist**



**EWU Eagles (1)**



Tuesday, March 9,  
At Reese Court, 8:15 p.m.

**Lowest seed**

**Finalist**

**Sac State (4)**



Saturday, March 6,  
In Sacramento, Calif.

**Weber State (5)**



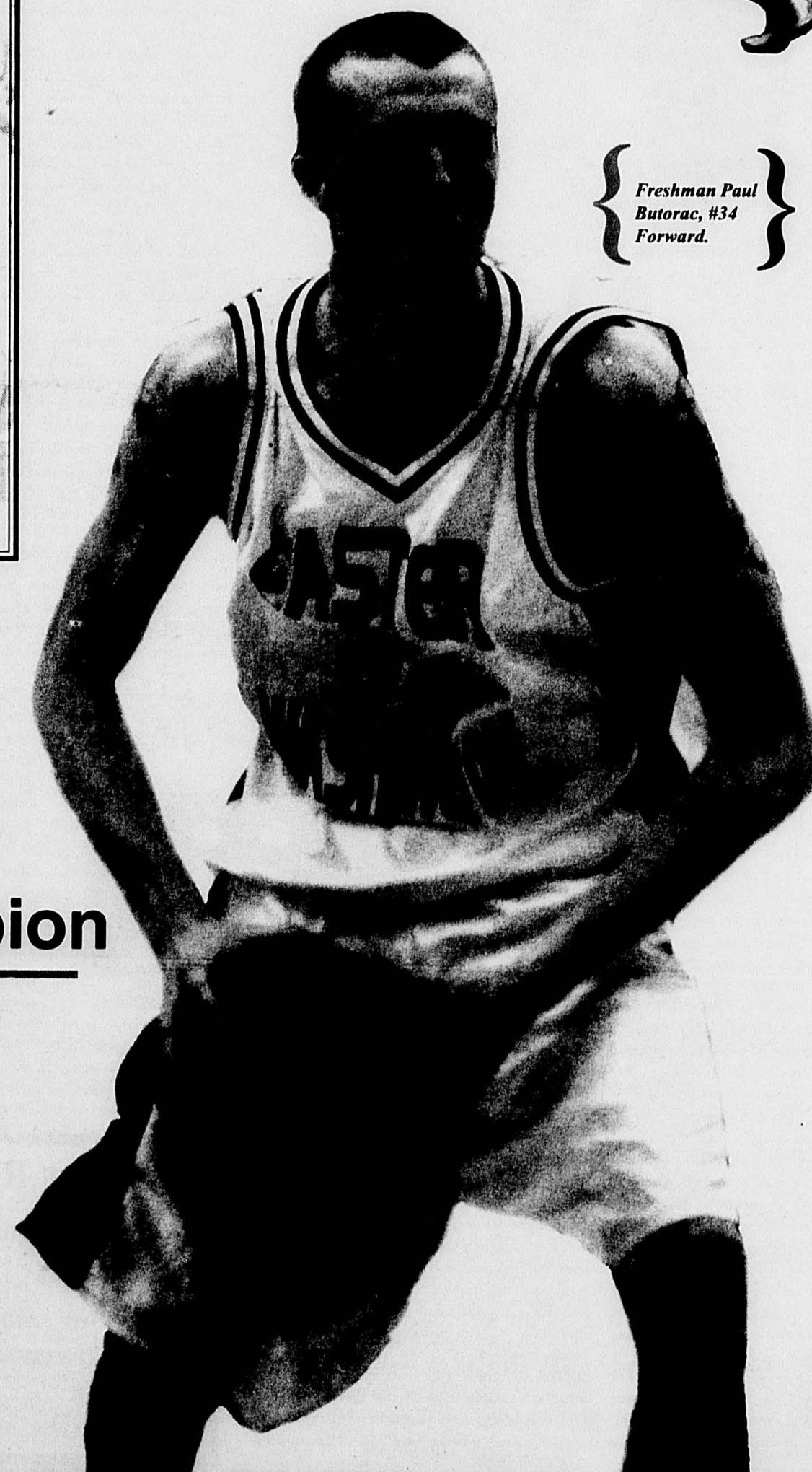
**Big Sky Champion**

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At Reese Court, 6:05 p.m.

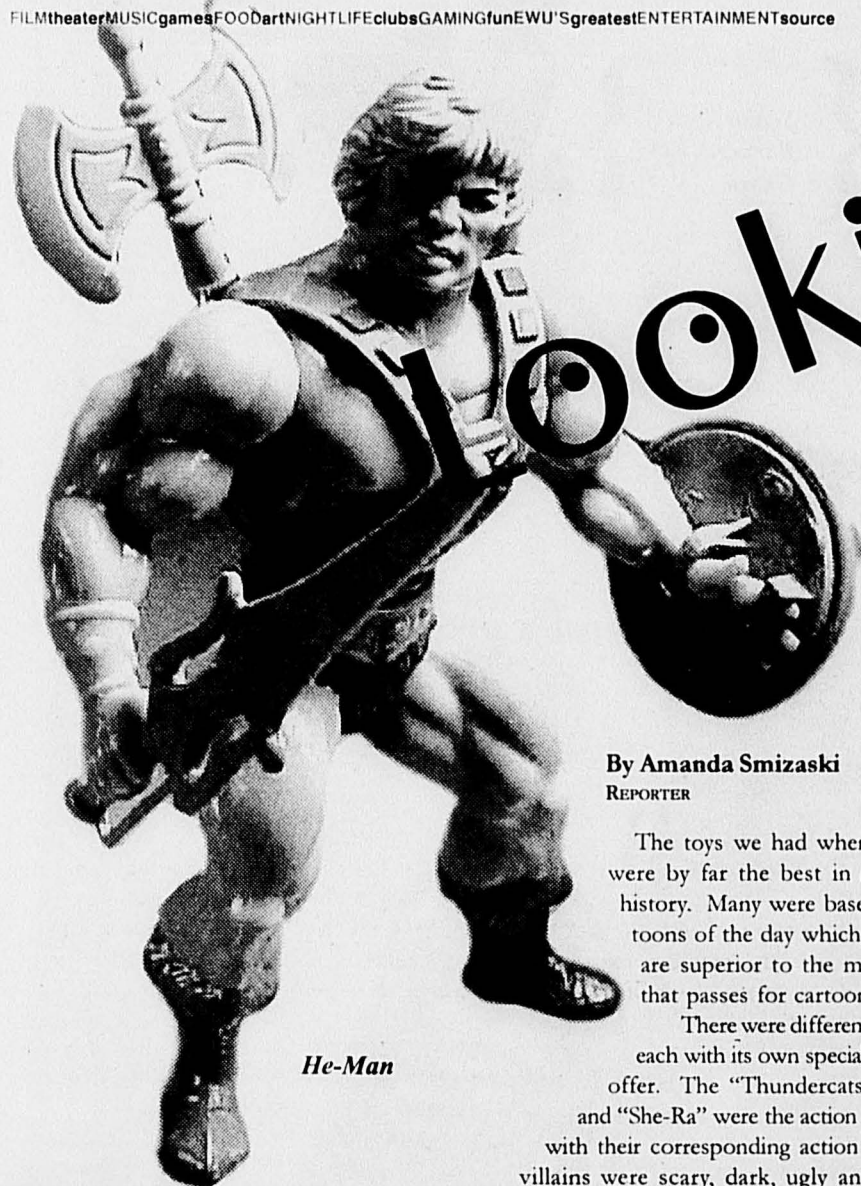
Senior Josh Barnard, #23 Guard.



Freshman Paul Butorac, #34 Forward.







He-Man

By Amanda Smizaski  
REPORTER

The toys we had when I was a kid were by far the best in all of human history. Many were based on the cartoons of the day which, might I add, are superior to the mindless drivel that passes for cartoons these days. There were different types of cool, each with its own special something to offer. The "Thundercats," "He-Man" and "She-Ra" were the action style cartoons, with their corresponding action figures. The villains were scary, dark, ugly and completely

hateable.

The Thundercats had Mumra, a rotting mummy, who resided in a creepy pyramid and was always out to get the Thundercats. In the best traditions from my youth, Mumra always lost and was never bright enough to figure out why.

He-Man had Skeletor, a basically animated skeleton, who had all the rotten qualities of Mumra. Skeletor was only a little scary, and he lived in a castle. She-Ra had Catra, who meowed a lot. I am pretty sure she was never scary, just obviously bad.

On the more fluffy side there were the shows like "Rainbow Brite," "Strawberry Shortcake," the "Smurfs," the "Care Bears" and the "Popples." I can still sing all the theme songs for those shows to this day. Again, each show had corresponding merchandise. Hey, it is a fine example of capitalism at work.

I have to admit here that I had more than my fair share, and I used to mix it all up to suit whatever game I had created that day. Throw in Barbie for good measure, and let's not forget GI Joe or the Transformers.

Ah, the days when Saturday morning belonged to kids, with non-stop cartoons from dawn till the middle of the day. No news, and if there was a sporting event, it was relegated to one channel.

I have to wax a little more, if I may, Jem and the Holograms. I do not know how many of you out there remember her, the show, the cassettes, toys, whole culture of Jem, but wow I was totally into Jem. I had all the dolls, even Rio (Jem's love interest). I had posters, cassettes, clothes and all the Jem merchandise. I have even unearthed some of the memorabilia from my youth in the boxes of toys I didn't know my mom had kept.

Some of these treasured playthings from the days gone by are making a comeback. First, through the Hot Topic Culture of high school, and then back on to the toy shelves where they can be loved by new generations of kids.

I recently found Rainbow Brite at a toy store while shopping with my daughter. I squealed with delight. My daughter just looked at me like I had lost my mind.



She-Ra

# Top six worst shows

By Emily Thomas  
REPORTER

After an informal poll I conducted among some friends and various people, I discovered the six worst shows on television today – shockingly all reality shows, and three celebrity shows.

In sixth place was "My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiancé." Here we have a girl who's got to convince her family she's marrying this obnoxious, fat klutz. If she does, she gets a million bucks. The twist is, he's a professional actor and so is his "family" leading the rest of them on. This is a great example, kids, of how much fun it is to humiliate and deceive your family, and make a mockery of love and marriage, all in the name of money and greed.

At number five we have "The Littlest Groom," newest to Fox network (so far). Here we have a little man trying to find the love of his life – which wouldn't be so bad except we don't care, especially since we don't even know the guy. A bunch of little women are fighting over him, along with three normal-sized girls. The twist of the show is ... hmm. Well, we couldn't really figure out what it was but I bet it was a fantastic display of hopeless television viewing.

At number four we have "For Love or Money." Now I know this isn't on anymore (thank God) but it was still voted in. The idea is to

choose between love or money. The guy can have the girl or a million bucks. The twist is, she gets to choose too. All this show did was make another mockery of love and exalt our unfathomable greed through a demonstration of lies and tricks. I think someone wiped their ass and thought, "This would make a great show." Now what could this possibly be teaching our children?

Next, at number three we have "The Apprentice." The infamous Donald Trump (What kind of name is that?) firing the people not good enough for the job he's offering, after degrading them with lousy comments and ill-praise. This show doesn't encourage immorality and lies, but it does encourage greed, inferiority and the practice of being a total jackass to society.

At number two, we have "Average Joe," in which my polled male friends were quite adamant. Here a beautiful, model-like woman must choose between a dozen or so Average Joes – in that they're not gorgeous, rich or super-buff. This show is especially disgusting because it encourages the practice of choosing and liking people based on their looks alone, instead of their heart and mind; the stuff that really matters. That girl didn't care if they had certain talents and high intelligence levels – she's freaked out because they're not movie star material. "Oh my God, what will people think?!" and thereby mocking and degrading most males here in the United States – the "Average Joes." How upset would

you be, ladies, if someone decided to do the same thing only with girls instead of "Average Joes?" Maybe they'd call it "Average Hoes" for a nice funny twist.

Finally, the worst show on television. Actually, there were several. "The Simple Life," "Extra, Extra," "Celebrity Justice" and "Celebrity Gossip" all tied as the worst show on TV. So which one is the worst?

Here's one thing to be thankful for – "The Simple Life" is no longer on the air. So it doesn't count. Here's something to be unthankful for – the three celebrity gossip shows are still on the air.

It boils down to this: who cares? All the shows really do suck. Are the people portrayed the role models you want for your children? And who really cares about sex this or scandal that, or

who's marrying whom and who got divorced after two weeks of marriage?

It just goes on and on. But we have to face something here. We have to realize that these cute little untalented girls (Britney, Janet, Jennifer, etc.) have no meaning to our lives whatsoever. We'll never know them; they'll never give a crap about us.

Why obsess over something so far away from our lifestyle? They're just people like us, not important to our day to day living.

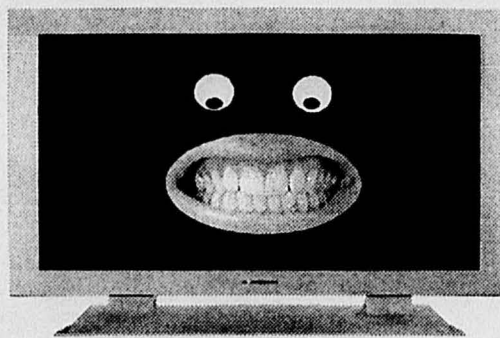
Only they sell sex because they don't really have anything else to sell.

Why idolize that? And what makes the producers of these shows think we will idolize that? It gets pretty sick, after a time thinking about it.

This was only supposed to be a story on the six worst shows, not anything about reality shows.

I have to report the truth however. Society is spiraling down fast if this is called entertainment.

These shows and their fun-filled frenzy of lies, greed, sex and immorality prove only that our civilization is not civilized.



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# Size doesn't matter

The Baby Bar is one of the most unique nightspots in the greater Spokane area that I've ever been to.

By Seth Swift  
SENIOR REPORTER

I like this place so much, in fact, that I have had a great struggle within myself upon the question of whether or not to even mention it to anyone who does not already know that it exists. I have come to the conclusion, however, that I cannot allow this little light of mine to not shine.

The only reason that I had any inner turmoil about whether or not to actually review the Baby Bar is because the place is so damned small. According to one of the two bartenders I've ever seen tend bar in the multiple times I've been there, you might be able to fit about 30 people in this little 20 feet by 15 feet

be like a can of sardines.

Aside from the lack of space, I have no problem with everyone in the world knowing about the Baby Bar.

The Baby Bar is so cool that Evel Knievel used to hang out there when he was a resident of Spokane County. Just think, you too could have a few drinks where the man who has probably broken his own bones more times than any other human being in the world used to have his drinks. From what I hear, the Baby Bar is where the elite of Spokane used to rub elbows on a regular basis.

As far as décor is concerned, the Baby Bar has a very stylish appeal. For one thing, it has 3-D boobs on the wall with nipples and all. If that's not reason enough to check the bar out, I don't know what is.

Aside from the boobs, the bar has a very posh, rich-toned color scheme of blood red and black. In a way, the bar is somewhat of a hipster's idea of cool, which usually isn't that cool. In the Baby Bar's case however, it is very cool. There are also posters of old harlequin novels and cheap B movie posters, such as "The Attack of the 50 Foot Woman," which adorn the walls to good effect.

In terms of the jukebox, the Baby Bar has one of

room. That, in my estimation, is an exaggeration. My guess is that you might be able to fit about 20 people comfortably, otherwise if there were any more it would



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*The Baby Bar has Spokane's historical, subculture side down pat.*

the most unique in taste as well as widest varieties available to choose from. And, best of all, there is no Lynyrd Skynyrd to be found anywhere in that selection. To its detriment, however, the jukebox is missing some of the newer varieties of rock'n'roll, and I don't mean crappy bands like Linkin Park or Puddle of Mudd.

The Baby Bar has a good selection of liquor and beer. Since I don't really like liquor, I will concentrate on some of the more appetizing selections of frothy goodness. First of all, the Baby Bar has Rogue beer on tap. Rogue beer, a microbrew out of Portland, Ore., is one of the greatest beers of all time in my estimation. As well, not only does the Baby Bar have Pabst Blue Ribbon in the can for a dollar, but it also has PBR in the bottle, which is something of a rarity.

There are no current plans for the expansion of the Baby Bar because, after all, then it wouldn't actually be the Baby Bar. Instead, it would be the Toddler Bar, or the Kindergarten Bar or something of that nature.

My only major gripe with the Baby Bar is that it is a non-smoking bar. However, to be fair, if it were a smoking bar it probably would not be a very breathing friendly place what with the lack of circulation and all.

The Baby Bar is located on First St. in downtown Spokane attached to the rear end of the Slick Rock Burrito. By the way, Slick Rock is an excellent place to eat a burrito. Not only are the burritos excellent eating, the portions are so large that a sumo wrestler might very well be satiated after just one burrito. No kidding.

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## WHAT'S YOUR HOROSCOPE?

By Dustin Snipes  
SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

**Aries:** (March 21—April 19)  
Every time you think of monkeys flying through the air, remember you may be sleeping.

**Taurus:** (April 20—May 20)  
Remember that time you proved your love by jumping off your dorm without a parachute? I didn't think so.

**Gemini:** (May 21—June 21)  
This week stretch out all the vowels in your words, like "coooooo!" or "Geeemiiiiiiiiii."

**Cancer:** (June 22—July 22)  
Take a magnifying glass and a jar, then find an ant hill and make them real mad. Place them in the jar. Next week read to find out what to do with them.

**Leo:** (July 23—Aug. 22) Collect random strands of hair and roll them into a little person. This way you can scare people with voodoo.

**Virgo:** (Aug. 23—Sept. 22)  
Buy a box of Altoids and fill your mouth with them. If it burns you know its working.

**Libra:** (Sept. 23—Oct. 23) Pack up and head west for the gold rush session. Remember your pick axe and your satchel.

**Scorpio:** (Oct. 24—Nov. 21) Learn how to clone animals and reproduce a miniature bear that you can keep in your house. This way when people

ask why you have a bear in the house you can say, "It's just a house bear."

**Sagittarius:** (Nov. 22—Dec. 21) Watch out for warlocks lurking around corners. They will cast spells.

**Capricorn:** (Dec. 22—Jan. 19) Conan O'Brien is your new god. Dye your hair and become a late-night host immediately to imitate your god.

**Aquarius:** (Jan. 20—Feb. 18) This week, get some tie dye and tie dye your entire wardrobe. If you fail, your peers will never let you hear the end of it.

**Pisces:** (Feb. 19—March 20) You'll find it hard to be on time this week with your busy schedule. Build a time machine to stop the invention of time. This should help.



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# Student Life

**"Hate is a disease. Hate is a learned behavior. And anything learned can be unlearned ...**  
My brother didn't choose to be born black, but he died because of it," said

By Lili Ko  
REPORTER

Louvon Byrd Harris, opening a gate of hope and awareness.  
Students, faculty and the general public all gathered at noon on March 1 in the Showalter Auditorium to hear the powerful words of Harris, sister of James Byrd Jr., the Texas man who was dragged to death behind a pickup truck in 1998.  
Byrd was walking in his hometown of Jasper, Texas, when three white men attacked him.

## Battling hate and racism



**Louvon Byrd Harris, sister of hate-crime victim James Byrd Jr., spoke March 1 about preventing further hate related incidences in the community.**



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**Pictured from left to right are Nat Jackson, Louvon Byrd Harris and Nate Jackson.**

They beat him and then chained him to the back of a pick-up truck and drug him through a secret dirt road. Byrd, a husband and father of two, was found dead with a horrific dismembered body.

After the tragic event, the Byrd family wanted to give the nation a message of peace.

Their hopes were that some good would come from the event—it did. A fence in a local cemetery in Jasper that was used to separate the black graves from the white graves was taken down. There was also a new law in Texas, named after James Byrd Jr., which declares all hate crimes a capital murder.

Of the three sentenced men, one was given the death penalty. It was the first time in Texas and the second time in the United States that a white man was given the death sentence for killing a black man.

Jaimee Marsh, a senior at Lewis & Clark High School, Spokane, who missed school to attend the speech, said that she remembered hearing about Byrd's death. She said, "I was young and I didn't know too much about racism and just the fact that I remembered that—I was shocked and appalled that humans would do that to another human."

Marsh added, "As a person of color, this is something I wouldn't miss seeing."

Marsh recently was announced as the local winner of the NAACP Martin Luther King Jr. essay scholarship.

Billy Reed, a freshman, said he attended the event after hearing about it through his African-American Studies class. "It was traumatizing hearing about how he [Byrd] died," but now, "I want to hear her story," Reed said.

Reed added, "If it can happen in Texas, it can happen anywhere."

Harris ended her speech by saying, "Don't let this happen in your community. Have open dialogue, express your feelings and let others have compassion in listening. Be proactive instead of reactive."

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The family set up the James Byrd Jr. Foundation for Racial Healing as a memorial for Byrd and as a way of working toward the end of racism.

"It doesn't take much to forget racism," said Photography Professor Bob Lloyd, "racism is alive and well at Eastern. It has been a long time since I have been called the 'n-word,' but I find that I am treated like the 'n-word.'"

Lloyd said that the university can begin the change in our community by hiring black faculty and admitting more black students.

The well-known racial equality speaker, Nat Jackson, also made a strong point during the gathering; there is no longer equal opportunity in Washington, he said.

Jackson's son, Nate Jackson, a junior, was a key organizer of this Omega Psi Phi, EWU African-American Education Program and Women's Studies event.

The Master of Science in Communications Program announces they are accepting applications for graduate assistantships for the 2004-2005 academic year.

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# GRADUATING SENIORS

By Seth Swift  
SENIOR REPORTER

This year's Senior Class Gift Committee is currently on pace to break all previous fundraising records set in years prior.

"Right now we're already ahead of pace of last year, so we're hoping to continue the trend and hopefully set benchmarks for years to come," said Allison Grass, the interim assistant director of Annual Giving in the University Development Department.

There is still, admittedly, a lot of work to be done before all is said and done.

This is the seventh year in all of EWU history that the senior class will have donated a lasting memorial to the school. "The first gift was the Herculean Pillars that sit outside Showalter," said Nicholas Peyton, who is a member of the Board of Trustees Office of the President.

"They were actually built out of the same granite of the old administration building that burned down in 1912," he said.

That senior class raised money in order to build the pillars as a tribute, and it was the first gift given by seniors of the university.

The senior class of 1916 donated another of the notable contributions, the Sacajewea statue.

After another gift was donated in 1919 there was an 83-year gap until a senior class donated another gift to the university.

"This year's gift is an eagle sculpture to be located in a prominent place on the EWU campus. If people have ideas [for placement] that they would like to submit to us they can e-mail them," said Grass. "Right now we've been looking at the location to be around the Woodward Field area or

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the PHASE area which will fit in great, especially since they're renovating Woodward Field right now."

The Senior Class Gift Committee generally has meetings once every two weeks. Currently, the committee is starting to focus on where they will go from where they are now and how to better spread the word.

The Committee is still looking for volunteers. "We're always looking for more," said Peyton.

Currently, there are approximately seven students involved with the Senior Class Gift Committee.

"The participation of students will ultimately determine the success of the gift committee," said Grass.

Seniors and graduates can enter a drawing to win two roundtrip tickets from Southwest Airlines to anywhere in the United States.

Though it is still too early to tell how well this year's group will do in the end, all signs point to a successful outcome.

To contribute to the fund, one can either pledge money (which means that they will have until May 31 to keep their end of the bargain), pay cash out of pocket, or use a check or credit card. To obtain the pledge form, go to [www.ewu.edu/foundation/seniorgift.html](http://www.ewu.edu/foundation/seniorgift.html). Money can be pledged from \$1 in value on up.

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## Mack: All men are created equal

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he compared the United States Constitution to that of the Confederacy's. Whereas the United States declares, "all men are created equal," the South has a need for white supremacy and the justification of slaveries documented.

"They took blacks out of the human equation," Mack said.

Then came the most controversial part of the day, the use of the dreaded n-word. "Why do we use this term?" he asked. The crowd reacted to Mack when he posed a question to a few in the crowd about the use of the n-word. Using the theory that silence can be poison, he pushed this question even harder when nobody would speak.

One brave soul reluctantly spoke up and said, "familiarity."

Mack mocked how it can be used as a term of endearment but then showed a series of PowerPoint slides

signifying his true feelings through some of the most disturbing, inhumane photos.

"When I hear nigger ... this is what I think. Not so funny now," Mack said.

The photos of lynchings and burnings definitely were poignant and seemed unbearable for many, as the auditorium became quiet.

This powerful declaration stems from the fact that the number of African-Americans obtaining High School diplomas is greatly diminishing, while the prison population keeps on rising, he said.

The appearance was funded by the Black Student Union and the ASEWU. Mack was originally scheduled to speak on Feb. 6, but a bomb threat disrupted the speech and he was re-scheduled.

"We are worse off today than we were during the Browne vs. Board of Education," Mack said.

## Breaking down segregation barriers

By Janica Lockhart  
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

United Pan-Methodist church members and Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Ponder spoke last Friday night in L.A. Hall with a panel discussion about the racial divide in churches.

Ponder said that the greatest hour of segregation is at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning when races divide and go to separate churches.

"Segregation is alive and well in the United States," he said.

For some it is a comfort and tradition that keeps people separated, Ponder said.

When asked about what can be done to avoid this segregation, Ponder said that people need to look at

the past and note that Americans are used to repeating history.

He added that people need to go back over old ground and think if people have done this before.

"There's a lot for us to think about," Ponder said.

On the first census in 2000 that allowed people to choose multiple ethnicities, Ponder said he questioned if it unifies or separates people.

"It does a little bit of both," he said.

The Methodist church recently began a movement in the last three years by college students to bring

the separate churches of the Methodist faith together, while keeping their individual identities. The four churches that are currently working together are the African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal and the United Methodists.

Catherine Rosman, a member of United Methodist Student Movement at Eastern and who was on the panel of speakers, said that Methodists do not believe in preaching to people.

Also, she said, each Methodist church is different in practicing faith such as using music as a key source of preaching.

### Segregation is alive and well in the United States.

## What's Happening March 3 - March 10

### March 3:

- Percussion Concert, 7:30 p.m., Music Building Recital Hall
- Family Groove, 6-7:30 p.m., Monroe room 207

### March 5:

- Family Weekend through March 7
- Women's Leadership Conference, 7:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Spokane Comm. College Lair Lounge

### March 6:

- Club Vegas, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., PUB MPR, Cost \$3

### March 9:

- Big Sky Men's Basketball Tournament semifinals, First game starts at 6 p.m., Reese Court
- Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., Showalter Auditorium

### March 10:

- Big Sky Men's Basketball Tournament final, 6:05 p.m., Reese Court, Televised on ESPN2

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# Sports

## Heater, Davis become champs

By Brandon Hansen  
ONLINE EDITOR

Junior Haley Heater and sophomore Angel Davis both became champions at the Big Sky Indoor Track & Field Championships held in Bozeman, Mont.

Heater won the Women's 400-meter dash with a final time of 56.39, and Davis won the Women's 55-meter dash with a final time of 7.07.

The women's team finished in fourth place at the championships, and the men's team came in sixth.

Weber State won both the men and women's competitions.

Junior Caitlin Prunty placed third, and freshman Camille Gibb placed fifth in the 800-meter run. Prunty also came in fifth for the Mile Run (5:06.02).

Also in the 400-meter dash, Jamie Griffith placed seventh (57.82).

Coming in third for the Pole Vault was Sarah Hegna with a height of 3.62 meters. Wiyanna Kramer also came in third for the Long Jump (5.63m). Kramer finished tenth in the Triple Jump event (11.34m), followed by Teanna Meinhold who took sixteenth.

Kramer also placed seventh in the 55-meter hurdles (8.65).

Anna Woelk finished sixth in the weight throw (16.49m). She also took thirteenth in the Shot Put (12.48m).

In the high jump, Sara Fouts took fifth (1.67m).

The women's 3400-meter Distance Medley Relay team finished fifth (12:44.60), and its Open 4x4 Relay team finished fourth (3:52.68).

In the 55-meter dash Josh Artis placed third (6.48).

Alex Moon finished second in the 400-meter dash (48.24).

For the 800-meter Run, Adam Vogt came in sixth (1:58.28), followed by Joshua Arnold in seventh (1:55.22) and Casey Kellogg in eleventh (2:12.91). Kellogg also placed eleventh (4:22.24) in the one mile run.

Justin Drake scored a third-place spot (7.32m) in the Long Jump, followed by David Sargent (7.02m) in fifth and Geoff Penrod in ninth (6.80m). Drake also finished thirteenth (22.67) in the 200-meter dash.

In the Weight Throw, David Paul placed tenth (15.90m).

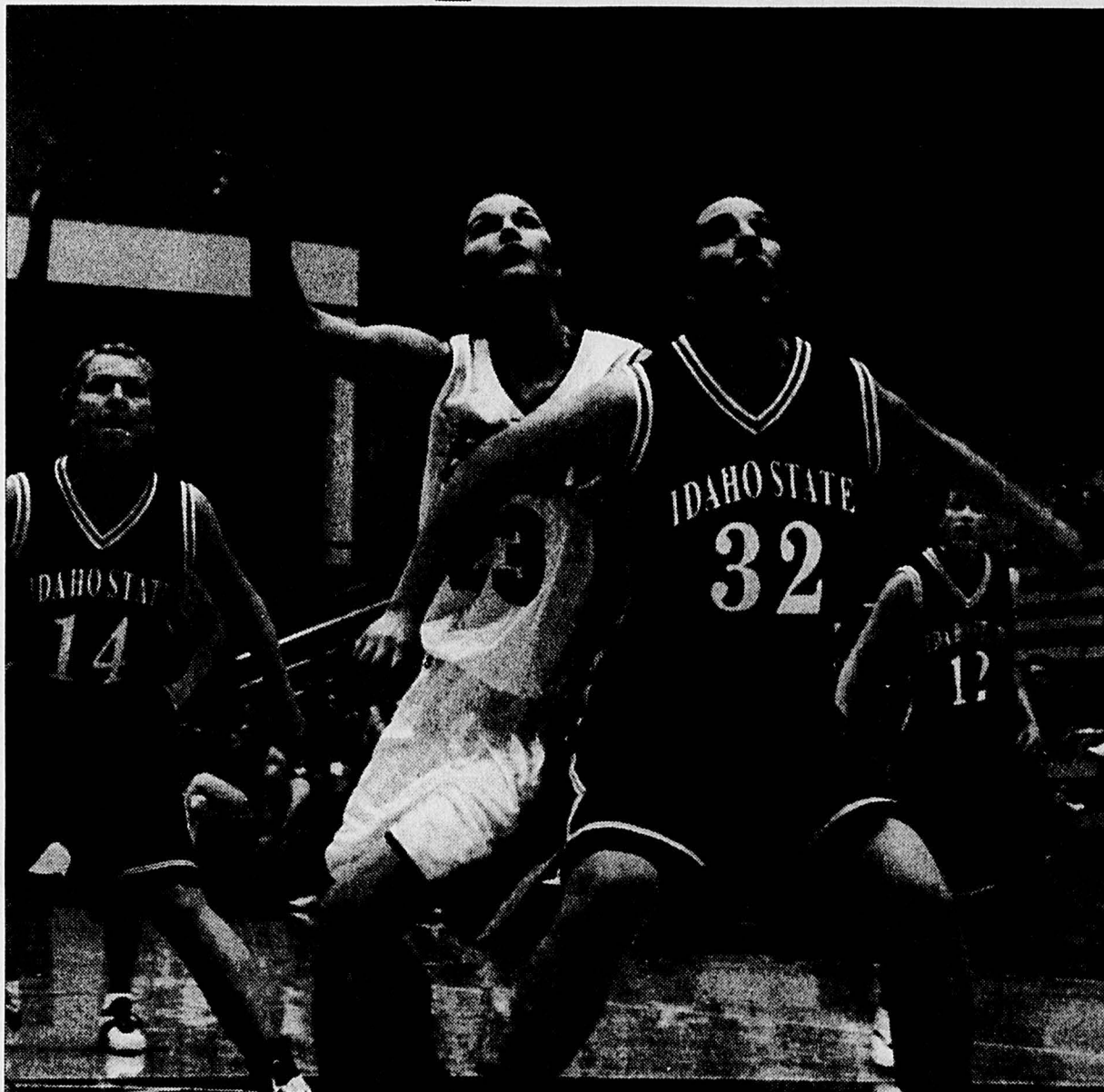
Brandon Fuller finished eighth (8:40.57) in the 3000-meter run, with Jon Timeus right behind him in twelfth (9:10.88). Fuller also placed seventh (15:06.39) in the 5000-meter Run, followed again by Timeus in sixteenth (16:04.96) place.

For the Pole Vault, Mike Erickson took eighth (4.61m) and Justin Shrack took eleventh (4.45m).

Billy Grubbs took second (14.47m) in the Triple Jump, followed by Shawn Gabriel in twelfth (12.88m).

In the Heptathlon, Wes Loyd came in ninth (4295).

The Men's 3400 meter-Medley Relay took seventh (10:31.86), while its 4x400 Relay team took fifth (3:16.94).



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*Eagle sophomore Tiffany Schmidt (23) is blocked out by Idaho State senior Annie Anderson Feb. 28. Anderson scored 13 points, grabbing 12 rebounds in the Bengals' 83-67 win at Reese Court.*

## EWU bit hard by Bengals

By Brandon Hansen  
ONLINE EDITOR

In front of 874 fans at Reese Court Feb. 28, the EWU women's basketball team fell to the Idaho State Bengals, 83-67.

Junior Stephanie Ulmer led the Eagles in scoring with 21 points, but the team as a whole only shot 40 percent from the field, while Idaho State shot 46 percent from the field.

Despite staying close with the Bengals and only trailing by four before halftime, the Eagles were outscored 44-32 in the second half.

EWU women's head coach Wendy Schuller said that ISU did a great job hitting shots.

"The biggest thing was the energy level. We were up and down most of the game. Idaho State had a lot of little surges and we weren't able to do that ourselves," Schuller said.

Senior Kathleen Nygaard dropped in 19 points, hauling down 14 rebounds.

"Kat has put up big numbers

throughout the season," Schuller said. "She has stepped up with a senior season the way you're supposed to. Unfortunately, she hasn't had the supporting cast I thought we would."

Looking toward the Big Sky Conference Tournament March 11-12, Schuller said that experience with the Eagles may play a part in their future success.

"They've been there before, most of them, and successful," Schuller said. "Basically your goal is to get as prepared as you can on the floor."

### NCAA Women's Basketball

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## Double OT downs Eagles

By Brandon Hansen  
ONLINE EDITOR

Despite a 25-point performance by senior Al Snow, the Eastern Washington men's basketball team fell to ISU 91-90 in double overtime Feb. 28.

The Eagles have now lost two in a row, both of those losses in overtime.

EWU (15-12 overall, 11-3 conference) still has the No. 1 seed in the Big Sky conference tournament.



Meanwhile, Idaho State (12-17 overall, 7-7 conference) clinches the No. 3 seed and will host No. 6 seed Montana on

March 6.

Leading scorer Snow fouled out close to the end of regulation, but Josh Bernard sank a three-pointer to send the game into overtime. With 18.4 seconds left in that overtime period, Danny Pariseau made a basket to force a second overtime.

During double overtime, Eastern made only 2-11 shots as Idaho State's leading scorer Marquis Poole scored the game-winning basket with only 5.2 seconds left.

Poole would finish the game with 31 points.

Idaho State had the advantage in shooting as the Bengals made 46 percent of their field goal attempts and the Eagles only managed to make 40 percent. However, Eastern did have the rebounding advantage 46-36.

Marc Axton contributed 15 points. Both Pariseau and Brandon Merritt had 14 points, and Freshman Paul Butorac scored nine.

## Student tickets available online

EWU students can still go to [www.goeags.com](http://www.goeags.com) and purchase their ticket for the Big Sky Conference Tournament for only \$5.

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# Barnard flies high at EWU

By Brandon Hansen  
ONLINE EDITOR

Josh Barnard arrived in Cheney with a mission.

Having played for the University of Washington Huskies during the 2001-2002 season, he averaged 16.7 minutes and five points per game on the big stage of the Pac-10. He came back east to a relatively quiet little college town to accomplish one goal.

"I came here for a ring," said Barnard.

With the Eagles clinching the regular season Big Sky Championship, Barnard and the team seem well on their way toward accomplishing that. It can be accredited to hard work and persistence, as the team was able to recover from a slow start.

"Once we got that victory at Santa Clara on the road, our confidence went up. We knew we could win on the road as well as home," said Barnard. "I'm just very thankful that I had the opportunity to be a part of this team."

A man of faith, Barnard said that his inspiration for playing basketball was

Jesus Christ. Written on his shoes is Colossians 3:23. "Do everything you do for God and not man."

"And after Him, my dad," said Barnard. "I play for God; that's the way I live my life."

It doesn't take much faith to believe that Barnard has been a huge impact on this team as he is leading the Eagles in three-point percentage; three-point attempts, three-pointers made and free-throw percentage. He is also averaging 9.5 points per game.

When Barnard isn't on the basketball court working on his jumper, he's at one of the numerous lakes that permeate the landscape of Eastern Washington.

"[What] I love doing the most is fishing. I go fishing every opportunity I have, no matter what the weather is," said Barnard. "Being out in the wilderness, going to the mountains, the lakes, I just like being outside."

Despite the peacefulness of being outside, Barnard enjoys the noisiness of the crowd inside Reese Court.

"It's great, once we started winning, the fans started coming, they get pumped

up at the end of games. They're really our sixth man," said Barnard.

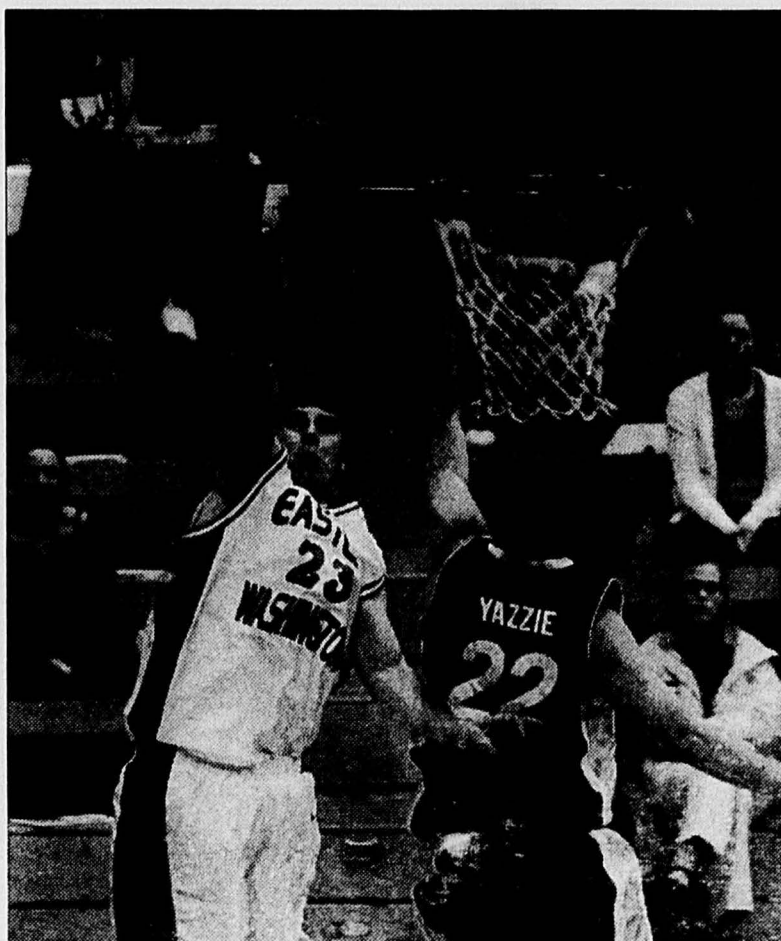
Barnard's play has made him a constant focus of the opposition.

"They can't leave me anywhere out on the court. My proven track record is that I'm a very good three-point shooter," said Barnard.

"My favorite place is either the YMCA in Puyallup, and then [Tacoma Community College], the junior college I went to," said Barnard. "My favorite part of the game is just when somebody gets to penetrate and kick, and you're sitting there and someone's flying at you and you just get a chance to hit a three. I just love being that person that can step in and change the way the game is."

In the rush of an oncoming defender, Barnard stands tall, even with a bad case of tendonitis in his knees.

"I try getting here as early as possible, and I got to go through a lot of treatment to get my injury under control," said Barnard. "I go through all my rehab stuff about an hour before the game, sit in the hot tub for 10, 15 minutes and mentally picture myself doing good things and picture the team doing good things."



Josh Barnard is one of four seniors on the EWU men's basketball team in 2003-2004. Barnard leads the Eagles in many statistic categories.

## A "Super" fan like no other

By Amanda Burk  
REPORTER

Terry Stratton has attended every women's basketball game since 1994, clad in an authentic Eagles uniform, complete with EWU socks.

He sits in section B, behind the opposing bench, cheering his home team on. Clipboard in hand, keeping stats and yelling encouraging things such as "Focus ladies!" and "C'mon Eags!" At the very least, he makes the game more interesting.

If you've ever been to an EWU women's basketball game, you have seen "Superfan." But you may not know who he is.

Stratton, born and raised in Newport, Wash., attended Newport High School. Although it may come as a surprise, Stratton says he wasn't always as involved with sports as he is today.

"It might sound a little strange, but I was led to do this," Stratton said, when asked why he never misses a game.

He explained that a series of dreams incorporating the number 53 led him to believe that his place was with the women's basketball program. Without question, he has remained faithful to the team for almost 10 years.

Currently studying for his master's in Physical Education at EWU, Stratton remains incredibly involved with the Lady Eags, attending practices, giving the team velvet roses, making and hanging signs before the games, keeping stats, archiving, writing and reading the team inspirational poetry.

He even created a more spirited version of Edgar Allen Poe's poem, "The Raven" entitled, "The Eagle."

Stratton has nicknames for every team member, and has found corresponding songs ranging from 1920's era music to present.

Stratton helps out at EWU's summer basketball camp, making signs for the teams and serving as an ambassador, welcoming them to the campus.

It was at one such camp last year that Stratton was given the genuine uniform he suits up with before each game.

Before every game, Stratton said, "If I can, I like to meditate, walking the court up and down, then I bless the bench."

Stratton said, "One year, every time I did this the team won."



"The Superfan," Terry Stratton will be forever tied to Eagle athletics. He has been cheering non-stop for EWU's women's team since 1994.

## EWU holds youth soccer clinic for coaches

By Kristen Johnson  
REPORTER

EWU and the Spokane Valley Junior Soccer Association hosted the National Soccer Coaches Association State Diploma Course in the Jim Thorpe Fieldhouse Feb. 28.

The goal of this course, which was geared towards coaches of youth ages eight to 12, was to educate the coaches and instill the understanding of the game's methodology.

"It is imperative for coaches to become effective teachers during practice. We hope that this course teaches that," said George Hageage, the course instructor and Eagles soccer head coach.

This clinic focused on the technical aspects of soccer including foot and ball handling skills. It also highlighted some practical skills such as how to organize a practice and how to deal with parents.

"One of the main challenges coaches face when coaching youth soccer is getting the kids to learn the game," said Hageage.

"Unlike other sports, the game of soccer is always changing. There are no real set plays and the coach has less control over what happens in the game," said Hageage.

Emphasis on fundamental skills allows the players to be successful even when play in games is not exactly as it is

in practice.

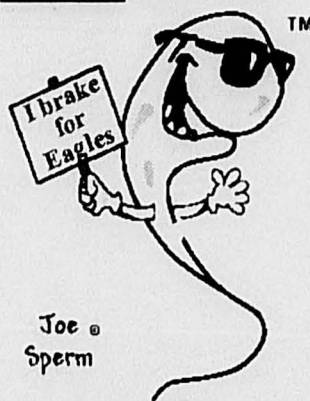
Coaches from Spokane, Idaho and Oregon were in attendance. "This is a real opportunity for us to get our name out there," said Hageage.

Hageage feels that interaction within the community is a very important aspect to his role at Eastern. "One of my jobs as head coach is to reach out to the community and that is why I got involved with the NSCAA," said Hageage.

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By Dustin Snipes  
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Through the wonderful technology of the Microsoft XBOX, we are able to predict the upcoming Democratic elections with a single game. Here are this week's results.

We are going to predict the man who is going to take on Mr. G. Dubbya. So first off let's narrow this down to two. MSNBC's poll says John Kerry and John Edwards are the front runners so we will go with them. I was going to throw Sharpton in there but I felt things might have gotten messy.

The game I choose today was Halo

for XBOX. Now I know what everyone is saying, "Halo, but it's so violent." I know people, but if you've seen some of these debates you would agree with the decision.

The game was set, the map I chose was "Blood Gulch." The first thing to happen was Kerry's character grabbing a sniper rifle and quickly firing at the unsuspecting Edwards' character. Then Kerry's character swiftly hid into the shadows to snipe off Edwards' character every time he appeared.

The match went on for 20 minutes which ended with John Kerry on top, and John Edwards going home.

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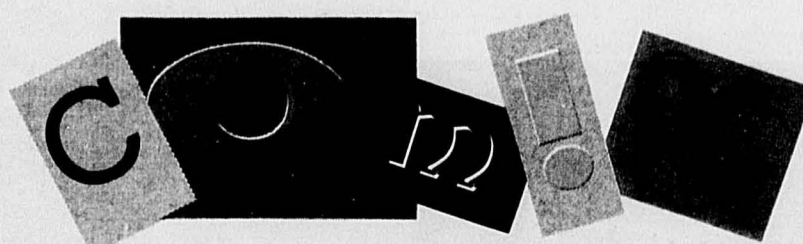
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By Steven Wilber

Use of those big ten dollar words learned in class

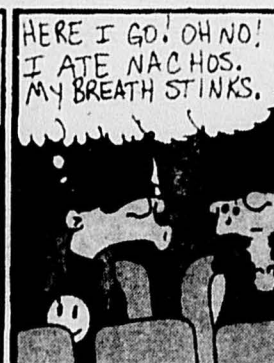
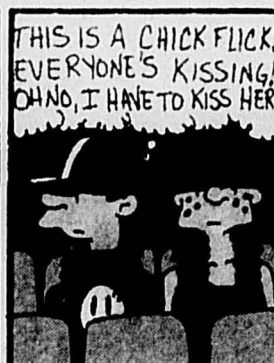
The ability to analyze a film to the smallest detail to figure out the ending

And finally



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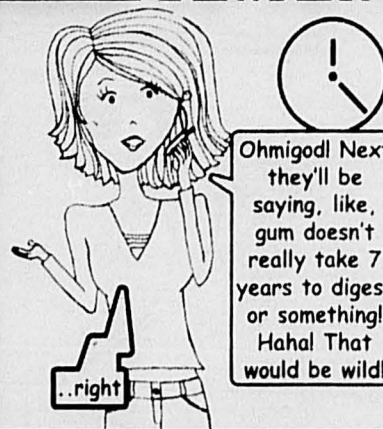
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